



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL
AT 6PM ON
24 MAY 2021

UCM563

PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr Darren Howe, Deputy Mayor	East Ward
	Cr Tracie Lund	Central Ward
	Cr Graeme Middlemiss	Central Ward
	Cr Dan Clancey,	East Ward
	Cr Dale Harriman	East Ward
	Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	East Ward
	Cr Brad Law	West Ward
Officers:	Steven Piasente	Chief Executive Officer
	Kendrea Pope	Executive Manager Office of the CEO
	Suzanne Miller	General Manager Community Health & Wellbeing
	Gail Gatt	General Manager Regional City Growth & Investment
	Greg Drumm	General Manager Organisational Performance
	Jody Riordan	Acting General Manager Assets & Presentation
	Hanna Steevens	Manager Governance
	Kieran Stewart	Governance Officer
Apologies:	Cr Sharon Gibson, Mayor	West Ward
	Cr Melissa Ferguson	South Ward

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COUNCILLOR AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

PLEASE NOTE

The Victorian Government's *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020* has introduced into the *Local Government Act 2020* new mechanisms that allow for virtual Council Meetings to ensure local government decision-making can continue during the coronavirus pandemic.

Pursuant to section 394 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, a Councillor may attend this Council Meeting remotely by electronic means of communication; and

Pursuant to section 395 of the *Local Government Act 2020* this Council Meeting may be closed to the attendance by members of the public by making available access to a live stream of the Meeting on the Council's internet site.

1. OPENING PRAYER

The Deputy Mayor read the opening prayer.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

The Deputy Mayor read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Sharon Gibson and Cr Melissa Ferguson provided apologies in advance of the meeting.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Attend as an observer

The Victorian Government's *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Act 2020* has introduced into the *Local Government Act 2020* new mechanisms that allow for virtual Council Meetings and allow for Council Meetings to be closed to the public.

Therefore this meeting allowed for physical and virtual participation by members of the public but was however was closed for a full gallery.

To meet legislated obligations and in the spirit of open, accessible and transparent governance, the Council Meeting was livestreamed.

Public Speakers

Members of the public who registered before 12noon were invited to speak to an item on the agenda.

The following persons spoke on an item on the agenda:

Item No.	Agenda Item	Name &/or Company
6.1	Draft 2021/22 Budget - Hearing of Submissions	Graeme O'Hara - Chairman Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association
6.1	Draft 2021/22 Budget - Hearing of Submissions	Barbara Johnson - Secretary Latrobe Combined History Group

**ITEMS REFERRED BY
THE COUNCIL TO THIS
MEETING FOR
CONSIDERATION**

6. ITEMS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL TO THIS MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION

Agenda Item: 6.1

Agenda Item: Draft 2021/22 Budget - Hearing of Submissions

Sponsor: General Manager, Organisational Performance

Council Plan Objective: Ensure Council operates openly, transparently and responsibly.

Status: For Information

MOTION

Moved: Cr Harriman

Seconded: Cr Law

That Council receives, notes and considers all submissions received in relation to the draft 2021/2022 Budget prior to the adoption of the 2021/2022 Budget at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 7 June 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Executive Summary:

This report is to present the submissions received in relation to the draft 2021/2022 Budget

- Council resolved on the 12 April 2021 to release the draft budget for public exhibition.
- A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)*, on any proposal contained within the draft budget.
- A total of 45 submissions were received in relation to the draft 2021/2022 budget.
- It is recommended that Council notes and considers these submissions prior to adopting the 2021/2022 Budget at the Council Meeting on Monday 7 June 2021.

Background:

On 12 April 2021, Council resolved to give notice of preparation of the proposed 2021/2022 Budget and to allow a period of 28 days for submissions.

A person has a right to make a submission under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, on any proposal contained within these documents.

Public notice of the preparation of the Budget was subsequently advertised in the Latrobe Valley Express on 15 April 2021 and advising that the budget documents were available for inspection at Service Centres and on Council's website.

Submissions in relation to the Budget were receivable up to 5pm on 12 May 2021. A person who has made a written submission to Council and requested that he or she be heard in support of the written submission is entitled to appear before a meeting of the Council. In the public notice Council indicated that written budget submissions would be considered and submitters would have an opportunity to speak to their submissions at an unscheduled Council meeting to be held at 6.00 pm on Monday 24 May 2021.

A total of 45 submissions have been received in relation to the draft 2021/2022 Budget. Those wishing to speak to their submission will have the opportunity to do so at the unscheduled Council Meeting.

A copy of each submission received has been provided to Councillors, and a summary of the submissions is provided below along with those intending to speak to their submission.

Submitter	Summary of submission	Speaking at this meeting
Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association	Support for the Farm Rate Differential and an increase in the Municipal charge to the maximum allowable.	Yes
Gillian Connolly	Provision of access between Hazelwood North Primary School and Hazelwood North Community Hall.	No
Lorraine Osler	Would like to see a dump point for grey water and sewerage disposal for caravans and motor homes etc. built in Traralgon.	No
Mark Smith	Community Grants needs to be maximised as best possible within the budget.	No

Submitter	Summary of submission	Speaking at this meeting
Latrobe Combined History Group	Latrobe Combined Historical Societies represents Boolarra, Moe, Morwell, Traralgon, Yallourn North and Yinnar Historical Societies. Council currently provides an annual operating grant of \$500 to each society, this amount has remained unchanged since 1994, they are requesting an increase to the annual operating grant to \$1,000 per year.	Yes
Annabelle Gumpold	Establishment of an off leash dog park at Sir Macfarlane Burnet Park (Hickox Street) in Traralgon.	No
Amy Symmons	Establishment of a pathway from Tyers School around Littles Lane Road and back towards the school approximately 5 kilometres	No
38 Individual submissions	New/Upgraded netball courts at Tyers Recreation Reserve	No

Issues:

Strategy Implications

This proposal aligns with Objective 6 “Ensure Council operates openly, transparently and responsibly” of the Council Plan 2017-2021. The draft 2021/2022 budget has been on display for a period of 28 days.

Health Implications

There are no identified health implications associated with this report.

Communication

In accordance with the Act, the draft budget has been advertised via public notice in the Latrobe Valley Express and the document has been available for viewing at each Service Centre as well as being available on council’s website.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Analysis

There are no risks associated with the consideration of submissions.

Legal and Compliance

This report complies with the requirements of Section 223 of the Act, by providing the opportunity for those that lodged a submission to the draft budget to be heard in support of their submission and for Council to consider all submissions.

Community Implications

Council is required to consider all submissions received in relation to the draft 2021/22 budget in accordance with Section 223 of the Act.

Environmental Implications

Nil

Consultation

The public have been provided with opportunities to contact Councillors and Officers in relation to the draft budget via telephone, email or by meeting.

Other

Nil



Declaration of Interests:

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Supporting Documents:

Draft 2021/2022 Budget

Attachments

1   2021/2022 Budget Submissions

6.1

Draft 2021/22 Budget - Hearing of Submissions

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LATROBE CITY FARM RATEPAYERS

20-4-2021

LATROBE CITY CEO
STEVEN PIASENTE

DEAR STEVE,

ENCLOSED IS
OUR SUBMISSION FOR THE
RETENTION OF OUR FARM RATE
DIFFERENTIAL TO BE CONSIDERED
BY COUNCIL IN THE FORTH
COMING BUDGET ESTIMATES.

WE ARE KEEN TO SPEAK FOR
THE SUBMISSION AT A COUNCIL
MEETING SUITABLE FOR YOUR
ORGANISATION.

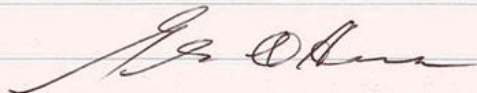
HOPEFULLY OUR CITY BOUNDARY
REMAINS COVID FREE!!

Yours Truly

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GRAEME O'HARA



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8th April 2021

In a Pandemic Year with events and restrictions unprecedented in our life time. We are extremely lucky to be residents of Australia and the Latrobe City.

SUBMISSION TO LATROBE CITY COUNCIL FOR FARM RATE DIFFERENTIAL

Our Committee and members thank the council for the opportunity to present this Submission for the retention of our Farm Rate Differential. We acknowledge Council for their support in previous years.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Our Farm Rate Differential has been in place in excess of forty years. The Minister for Local Government is encouraging all regional councils to reduce the rate burden placed on farms by the use of the Differential Rate System Valuation of Land Act, 1960.

The NAV of Farm Land was legislated at Five Percent of the CIV of the said property. The NAV purported to represent the return of the property in a rent or lease situation. The rate of return on Farm Land does not return this Five Percent Figure.

Farm ratepayers pay significantly more than township rate payers and have less access to the services offered by council. Our Committee Members congratulate past councils for recognising the inequity that does exist.

STATE GOVERNMENT RATE REVIEW

The rate review findings have not yet been announced probably due to the Covid 19 impact on our country. We have been informed many of the submissions put forward made reference to the frequency of valuing, impact of potential zone changes resulting in rating increases with no change in the farmer's usage of the land. This has threatened the farm sustainability of some farms in our area.

FARM LAND RATING

Farming is a land based activity. As the Farm Business improves its productivity via the land, the Land Value increases lifting its assessable rate value.

Our Association supports Council to maximise the Municipal Charge up to the Twenty Percent of Total Rate Value. We view this charge as an equal contribution by Rate Payers.

COMMENTS OF CONCERN FROM MEMBERS ON LAND VALUATIONS AND REZONING

Farmers have seen an increase in farm incomes due to the breaking of the drought, but those who have destocked are faced with record prices to put stock back on their properties. Full time farmers have concerns about the recent sales of farmland by buyers with substantial non-agricultural income. Which will cause rate rises which will make their farming business less viable.

ZONING CHANGES

Zoning changes require careful planning, rating should continue for Farm Zones 1 and 2 (EG) Agriculture to Rural Living until such time as the owner submits a plan of subdivision within its rezoned category. Valuers are able to introduce the POTENTIAL RATE thus rendering the farm property unviable due to the increased Rate Burden.

CONCLUSION

The Farm Rate Differential is a tool provided by the Local Government Act to assist in the setting an equitable rate. Farm Businesses are logistically low users of Council Services but they contribute substantially to both the Latrobe Cities economy and rate revenue. Agricultural production within Latrobe City is a large contributor for the growing Gippsland Food Bowl. Thank goodness that we have received good rainfall in the past six months and are able to replenish our stocks of fodder.

Yours faithfully



GRAEME O'HARA
LATROBE CITY FARM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

02a Submission – Gillian Connolly - Hazelwood Nth Path

Submitted on Tue, 2021-04-20 14:10

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Gillian Connolly

Your Submission

My submission is

I am the Principal of Hazelwood North Primary School. We believe a submission has been made in the budget for the provision of access between the Hazelwood North Primary School and Hazelwood North Community Hall. The School Council and school community support this submission to provide access to the school and ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Thanks you

Gillian Connolly

03a Submission - Lorraine Olser - Dump

Sent from my iPad
Mr Matthew Rogers
Manager of Financial Performance
Latrobe City Council

Dear Mr Rogers

I am putting in a submission to be considered in the draft budget for 2021/2022. I would like to see a dump point for grey water and sewerage disposal for caravans and motor homes etc built in Traralgon. I feel there is a definite need for such a facility in Traralgon. An ideal spot would be near the netball courts at Agnes Brereton park in Breed St. near the site of the old toilet block. The plumbing and access to the sewerage main is already there and there is sufficient room for caravan parking and room for caravans to turn around. If caravan parking was also introduced close to the CBD and picnic facilities, Traralgon could qualify to become an RV friendly town. I will not be able to speak at your special council meeting but hope my submission will be looked at favourably. I have previously put in the same submission and each time have been told it will be considered in the next budget but to no avail. I can be contacted by email
Please reply so I know you have received this email. Thankyou Lorraine Osler.

04a Submission – Mark Smith - Community Grants

Submitted on Fri, 2021-04-16 10:59

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Mark Smith

Your Submission

My submission is

In my opinion, Community Grants needs to be maximised as best possible within the budget. Community Grants empower the community to take ownership of what they want within reason and when those forces work together, far greater outcomes for the community are always the result.

I wish to speak on my submission at a future Council Meeting:

No

Traralgon and District Historical Society Incorporated

ABN 83 077 806 233



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URL: www.traralgonhistory.asn.au
Phone: 03 5174 8399
Secretary: Christine Turnbull
Mobile 0402 911 950

Latrobe Combined Historical Societies
C/o Traralgon Historical Society
PO Box 697, Traralgon, 3844

6 April 2021

Ms T Lund
Councillor
Latrobe City Council

Dear Tracie,

RE: Grants to Historical Societies of Latrobe City

The Latrobe Combined Historical Societies meet regularly in each year to support each other in their endeavours to preserve and celebrate the history of their respective districts. The group includes Boolarra, Moe, Morwell, Traralgon, Yallourn North and Yinnar Historical Societies.

When the local Shires were amalgamated in 1994, each of the groups was given an annual allocation of \$500. This practice followed on from the support given to Societies by the previous Shires. In part, it is a contribution to the recording of local history which Latrobe City calls upon at various times.

If you take inflation into account, the annual grant would now be \$934.41 but it remains at \$500.

We would respectfully ask that you submit a motion to Council to increase the allocation. In total, the amount would be quite small within the Council budget but important to the operation of each of the Societies. We would respectfully suggest a grant of \$1,000 per Society per year would be gratefully received.

Should you require any further information please contact Barbara Johnson of the Traralgon Society.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Johnson

Convenor of the Latrobe Combined History Group

Cc: councillors

Att: Mr Matthew Rogers
Manager Financial Performance
Latrobe City Council
P/O BOX 264
MORWELL VIC 3840



Dear Mr Rogers,

SUBMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION IN LATROBE CITY COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2021-22

On examining the above draft, there appears to be an omission re the promised provision of a suitable Off Leash Dog Park for Traralgon. Enquiring further, apparently this omission is deliberate, on the grounds that the current responsible officer has been re-directed to further research the matter with regard to "suitable guidelines" and updated costings to cover same.

Whilst Council is to be commended for at least an earlier trial attempt in this field, the resulting off leash dog run at Bert Thompson Park in Franklin Street has fallen lamentably short of even reasonable community expectations. It is noted there is still no apparent attempt to produce the now long-overdue 12/12 comprehensive analysis and review which was to have been presented March 2019. 2020, and the Covid 19 pandemic was deployed as a reason for even further delay; now there is no such reason and we are still waiting. Meanwhile, the responsibility for this project since March 2017, has progressively revolved from Kevan Delaney through no less than seven nominated figures, culminating in a return to Mr Delaney, thus making it eight?

BURNET PARK OFF LEASH DOG EXERCISE AREA:

Regular appeals from community members for Council to somehow find the means to adequately dignify the very discreetly captioned Macfarlane Burnet Park as a formally upgraded and equipped off leash dog park have so far unfortunately fallen on barren soil.

Specious grounds have been offered over the years from 2017-21 from various responsible officers as to why this should be so: No public transport! Not enough parking! No public toilet! No footpaths! No oversight! Not centrally located - too far out of town! These have all been proffered as various reasons for the unaccountable neglect of this highly desirable space.

Not so: A regular hourly bus service operates right past the park – check your Latrobe Valley Bus timetable. All certified dogs welcome on buses, including dogs in suitable crates. Off-road parking, not to mention that available when the adjacent special school is unoccupied; a public toilet well within 500 metres at Railway Reserve Botanic Gardens; footpaths for those who need them (with plenty of parking and a regular bus service, why the fuss about footpaths). Visibility of the area in question is open to all, not only to passing traffic, but residents at each end, not to mention the school - of the self-draining, gently sloping site, already equipped with a good planting of shady established trees.

All this park requires is adequate fencing with airlock gates, adequate signage, wastebag dispensers and bins, maintenance access and water. As the area in question already has water availability with merely the connection and positioning of water dispensers, the which Gippsland Water no doubt would be happy to contribute towards as they did with Railway Reserve, what is holding Council back? Surely it's not a developer, waiting in the wings? Could we have a little genuine clarity on the matter, instead of continual clerical obfuscation and delay, delay, delay?



/2 SUBMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION IN LATROBE CITY DRAFT BUDGET 2021-23 Cont'd.

FUNDING:

On the municipal front, when the proposal for an off leash dog park for Traralgon was earlier mooted, Mr Delaney quoted what he later stated was merely a "ballpark figure" of some \$21,500 "to provide fencing, gates, shade, seating, dog waste dispensers and a water fountain. Traralgon's off leash dog park is situated at Burnet Park, located between Hickox Street and Dunbar Road". (Express News 9 March 2017). Subsequent preliminary costing estimates including installation, provided at Council Meeting (minutes 4/6/2018) came to \$41,000 which was then deployed towards the Bert Thompson off leash dog park.

Council's current proposal for a substantial rate reduction (30 per cent for 10 years for Australian Paper), and the generous allowances suggested for both Latrobe City Mayor and councillors, would appear to indicate Council certainly has the means to fund a more comprehensive development of the off leash dog facility at Burnet Park.

It is noted from Council's draft budget, allocations are designated for the continued maintenance of those by-laws as per the DAMP, particularly with regard to rules and restrictions aimed at further regulating normal canine activities. Nothing to show for a pro-active approach towards what other shires seem able to provide, courtesy in certain instances of substantial State grants towards their off leash dog park facilities. Latrobe's own puny example (albeit a "trial" effort) has so far invoked sheer incredulity, not to mention outright mockery from visiting dog owners. Why, when generous State grants were in the offing, did Latrobe City Council appear to miss out?

Inevitably, it raises the question yet again: why is Burnet Park not receiving (apart from a modest waste receptacle) the practical application required to bring this site into favourable comparison with surrounding shire off leash dog park developments? The current shabby arrangement does not reflect well on one of our internationally-recognised luminaries, Sir Macfarlane Burnet.

The lamentable practice of yet again kicking the can down the road on this issue would appear to indicate Latrobe City Council for whatever reason in this instance, has elected to forgo the opportunity of laying credible claim to Draft Budget service and service performance aspirations as per 2.7: "grow the civic pride of our municipality and solidify Latrobe City's image as a key regional city., deliver and improve high quality, cost effective, accessible and responsive services".

This submission is therefore respectfully tendered not so much in expectation, but hope, that accommodation may be found in the proposed Draft Budget 2021/22 for a realistic approach to the ongoing issue of the continued casual neglect of Burnet Park.

Yours sincerely, by hand through LCC service desk today



Annabelle Gumpold



10/5/21

07a Submission – Brandon Monks – TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 21:21

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Brandon Monks-Hamilton

Your Submission

My submission is

That the Traralgon-Tyers United Football and Netball club get new netball courts as the ones currently are outdated and are also very dangerous.

08a Submission – TTU Netball Court

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 20:08

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Anonymous

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

Traralgon Tyers Netball Football Club needs two new netball courts. There is currently one unsafe court that has worn areas from overuse making water and rock hazards to players. As a result of only one court there is decreased netball training, meaning less physical activity for members of the community, something the government has been working to improve for years. A double court with removable tennis nets will improve safety, socialisation and physical exercise in the community which all leads to better physical and mental health. Funding for these would be greatly appreciated.

09a Submission - Lily McDonald - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 20:28

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Lily McDonald

Your Submission

My submission is

The Traralgon Tyers FNC netball courts are not up to scratch. They are unsafe for players and have been the leading cause of a lot of injuries for players. There is also no safe area for the netball players to warm up as the tennis court next to the netball is covered in moss and mud, causing it to be extremely slippery. It would be amazing if we could have new courts. It would not only make it a safer environment, it would bring more people out to the club, allowing for better community engagement.

10a Submission - Jacob Williams - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 21:16

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Jacob Williams

Your Submission

My submission is

New netball courts for Traralgon Tyres United

11a Submission - Timothy Aitken - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 22:13

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Your Submission

My submission is

Upgrading the Traralgon Tyers United Football and Netball club, Netball Courts. Having one court makes it challenging for our junior female and senior females to participate in training and games. This situation is limiting participation. The current court surface is old and becoming dangerous to play on.

12a Submission - [REDACTED] - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 22:38

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

[REDACTED]

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

It would just be the absolute best if the TTUFNC netball courts could be upgraded to two brand new netball courts. We currently have 6 netball teams/grades that use the court weekly for training and to play home games on and to have two courts would allow teams to have longer training and a place that is safe for our netballers and other clubs to warm up on. Our current court would not be approved by netball Victoria and at times we have weeds growing up through the asphalt. It also gets very sandy and a danger to play on! When it rains the water does not run off and becomes big puddles, which is again dangerous for players! If we were to get 2 courts, one of them could double as a tennis court for the people of Tyers

13a Submission - Jenna Blackwood - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 23:07

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Jenna Blackwood

Your Submission

My submission is

TTU netball courts are in need of surface up grade, making it multi use for netball and tennis (with removable tennis nets), at the moment the courts are unsafe to play on and if Netball Victoria were to assess us then the courts would be condemned, two courts allow more netballers out to train on the same nights and means we could get more players to our Thursday night dinners to help support the club

14a Submission - [REDACTED] - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:00

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

[REDACTED]

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

I'm currently a player at Traralgon Tyres United Football Netball Club and our club is in desperate need of new netball courts! It would improve the look and atmosphere of our club and stop some injuries too. We have been asking for courts for such a long time and it would mean a whole lot, not only to the club but to the tyres community.

15a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:00

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Anonymous

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

It would be great to see the netball courts at TTU (Traralgon/Tyers United football netball club) upgraded and a second court added. Having a second court would allow more netballers to train and an upgrade would also improve safety

16a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:28

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Anonymous

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

TTU netball courts need urgent attention. My daughter plays netball for TTU netball club. The courts are very old, tired and can be quite dangerous.

It would be fantastic for the TTU club and the Tyers community if these courts were upgraded and considered in your budget.

Thank you.

17a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:30

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Anonymous

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

For a second netball court at the tyers club. Currently there is only one usable netball court, making it difficult to have a netball club as the facilities cannot host the numbers, trainings have to be split and therefore causing a divide in the community club. The second court currently is unsafe to use.

18a Submission - Amy Symmons - Tyers Pathway

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:53

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Amy symmons

Your Submission

My submission is

For a local footpath around tyers to encourage healthy living. Suggestion: from the tyers school around littles lane road and back towards the school. This would provide a rough 5km track for locals to walk their dogs/families/local fun run/school bike education.

19a Submission - Allie Sipscombe - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 20:04



Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Allie Lipscombe

Your Submission

My submission is

The ttu court are a hazard for safety in the wet and dry for injuries, there is no space for training and it has the potential to be great with 2 new courts

20a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:39

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details**Confidentiality**

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

New netball courts and shelter at TTU Football and Netball Club.

The courts are unsafe for the players and umpires and the facilities for players, umpires, officials and spectators are inadequate and not up to the standard of all other clubs in the area.

There is not a suitable warm up area and the netballers have been disadvantaged for too long. The club needs new facilities

21a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:47

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details**Confidentiality**

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

I believe the Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball club deserve an upgrade to their netball courts as they are currently unsafe to play on. If we were to be assessed by netball Victoria they wouldn't allow us to play as they are not up to scratch. We have the worst facilities in all of the North Gippsland Football Netball League. Please help us out!

22a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 20:22

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission**My submission is**

Upgraded courts at TTU

23a Submission - Grace Briggs - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 20:23

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Grace Briggs

Your Submission

My submission is

that the netball courts at traralgon tyers united football netball club need to be upgraded. the surface of them needs to be redone along with new painting and lines. in order to also keep tennis in the town, their should be removable tennis nets at the courts. the court there at the moment should be kept, and another court should be created on the old and unused tennis courts right next to the currently used netball court.

24a Submission - Georgia - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 20:29

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

georgia

Your Submission

My submission is

I personally play on the TTU netball courts;
-they are too slippery when dry and especially wet
-at peoples risk of injury

25a Submission - Jye Neilson - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 20:39

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Jye Neilson

Your Submission

My submission is

I believe Tyers recreation reserve needs new netball and tennis courts to stay in date with all other community netball facilities, Tyers recreation reserve also needs funding to upgrade other facilities such as the socials rooms to accomodate our local club

26a Submission - Braydon Catlin - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 21:15

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Braydon Catlin

Your Submission

My submission is

Traralgon tyres United desperately needs new netball courts or even just a surface upgrade/paint and new lines

27a Submission - Michael Taplin - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 21:16

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Michael Taplin

Your Submission

My submission is

We should upgrade the Traralgon Tyers United FNC netball courts. They have continued to degrade in recent years and no longer comply with Netball Victoria standards

28a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

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Your Submission**My submission is**

Tyers Football Netball Club need new netball courts. The current courts are broken up, not flat and quite dangerous for players

29a Submission - Mel Smith - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 21:21

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Mel Smith

Your Submission

My submission is

TTUFNC desperately need new netball courts

30a Submission - Liam - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 21:28

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Liam

Your Submission

My submission is

New netball courts at tyers recreation, to increase the safety for the players & also brings more community to games & the club

31a Submission - Guy Sinclair - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 21:29

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Guy Sinclair

Your Submission

My submission is

To Matthew Rogers,

The Tyers Recreation Reserve requires urgent resurfacing of the netball and tennis courts. It has become a major safety issue with the current asphalt that has not been resurfaced in the 15 years or longer. I believe (along with the majority of the Tyers residents) that this should be at the top of the agenda for a grant

32a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 21:47

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

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Your Submission**My submission is**

The Traralgon tyres netball courts are in dire need of an upgrade, I would like my children and wife to play there, but the surface is just not very safe, has cracks, holes and needs a complete overhaul. Why is so much money being spent on the facilities in town and none on the smaller towns facilities? Thank you

33a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 22:05

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

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Your Submission**My submission is**

Tyers recreation reserve is in need of new netball courts, current courts are not up to current standards, making them unsafe to use

34a Submission - Tyler - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 22:08

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Tyler

Your Submission

My submission is

New netball courts at ttu

35a Submission - [REDACTED] - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 22:09

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

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Your Submission

My submission is

The netball courts at Tyres Recreation Reserve require re-doing

36a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 22:11

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

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Your Submission

My submission is

The Tyers Recreation Reserve which is the home to Traralgon Tyers Football Netball Club is needing the netball courts / tennis courts upgraded as the current condition of the courts is not meeting Netball Victoria standards. The Tyers community is at a disadvantage by not having facilities up to scratch that they can use for recreation purposes.

We would love to see some of the 21/22 budget spent on this project to bring these facilities up to par with other Latrobe City community facilities.

37a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 22:11

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

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Your Submission**My submission is**

Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball club need two new courts as the current court is unsafe, when wet it is a dangerous court to play on as I myself had many trips and slips resulting in injury. Having a second court allows us to have multiple teams train at once instead of dragging on some teams trainings till 8pm on a weekday.

38a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Wed, 2021-05-12 06:45

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission**My submission is**

My suggestion would be that I would like to see new resurfacing of the TTUFNC netball courts, as well as the tennis court turned into a multi function court with removable tennis nets. The courts are unsafe to play on especially when it rains as it is so uneven puddles stay on the courts and we slip over when playing. If netball Victoria were to come and assess us on those courts they would be condemned.

39a Submission - Jessica Rankcom - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Wed, 2021-05-12 08:15

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Jessica Rankcom

Your Submission

My submission is

Traralgon Tyers United FNC needs its netball courts to be resurfaced, it is currently very unsafe, and the resurfacing would be forever appreciated

40a Submission - Justin Barnes - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Wed, 2021-05-12 09:40

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Justin Barnes

Your Submission

My submission is

The need for new / upgraded netball courts for the Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club at the Tyers Recreation Reserve

41a Submission - Kellie Ward - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:15

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Kellie Ward

Your Submission

My submission is

The netball courts at TTU are extremely dangerous & desperately need upgrading.
It's only a matter of time before there is a serious injury that could be avoided with netball court upgrades

42a Submission - Stephanie Henley - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Tue, 2021-05-11 19:34

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Stephanie henley

Your Submission

My submission is

I believe that more money needs to be spent equally throughout country football netball venues. particularly Traralgon tyers united in tyers

43a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Wed, 2021-05-12 11:53

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission**My submission is**

Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club are in desperate need for new netball courts. The current state of the netball court is unsafe to play on which increases the risk of serious injuries. TTUFNC really needs 2 netball courts to be able to have more netballers training together and also to have another safe space to warm up before games on Saturdays.

44a Submission - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Wed, 2021-05-12 14:33

Submitted by:

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Your Submission

My submission is

Upgrade of the Tyers Recreational Reserve Netball courts and adjoining facilities.

The netball court was moved to its current location approx 15 years ago. Since that time there has been little to no maintenance undertaken by the Rec Reserve on or around the netball court and tennis court areas. The court surface is currently uneven causing water to pool in areas of the court when it is wet. In addition, there is a covering of sand over the surface that is making the court very slippery, particularly after it rains. The court is becoming very unsafe as wet or dry, players are slipping on the surface. The court is swept and/or a squeegee used to remove water however; water appears to be seeping from below the court surface making it almost impossible to remove the water.

There is also the need for a second netball court as there is nowhere for teams to warm up. In addition, training is complicated as it is difficult to have all teams train on the one night. Preference is for teams to train on a Thursday night as that is the night the Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club have their meals and announce teams. As the club is trying to be inclusive to all and bring Football and Netball closer together, Thursday nights is the desired training night. Also, not having a second Netball court to warm up or train on was an issue during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Netball Victoria COVID rules provided that no players from the next scheduled game could be on the playing court at breaks of the current game to practice shooting etc. This meant we had no area for goalies to practice before a game. Not having a second court also had an impact on training times as there needed to be a break in between each training session for cleaning. This could have been overcome, to some extent, if we had a second netball court.

The tennis courts are currently been used for training nights and also a warm up area for netball players on a Saturday home game. The Tyers Tennis club has not been in operation for a number of years now. The surface of the tennis courts is uneven and has crack throughout the court. This is potentially a safety issue for players. If the Tennis courts could also be resurfaced and set up for a second netball court, it would put the Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club on an even field with other clubs within our league. Most clubs have a second court and a large shelter along one side of the court for players and officials. Unfortunately, there is nothing like that at the Tyers Recreational Reserve to provide adequate protection from winter conditions. The shelters we have were donated from other clubs when they have had a netball court and facility upgrade and/or erected at the cost of the club and/or sponsors. There would still be a need for tennis lines to be marked on the second court to allow for community access for tennis.

The netball court area at the Tyers Recreational Reserve has had some upgrades however, these have all been at the expense of the club or kindly donated. I consider these to be short term fixes for what really needs to be done. As previously mentioned, the court surfaces on both the netball and tennis courts are to the point of becoming unsafe (if not already there). As a Latrobe City resident and a member of the Tyers United Football Netball Club I sincerely hope that consideration is given to upgrading the netball court surface and providing a second netball court space at the Tyers Recreational Reserve.

I am happy to provide any further information to assist with this submission.

Regards

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45a Submission - Rebecca Fromberg - TTU Netball Courts

Submitted on Wed, 2021-05-12 11:21

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Rebecca Fromberg

Your Submission

My submission is

It would be very appreciated if we could get the Traralgon Tyers United Netball courts resurfaced as it is extremely uneven playing court and dangerous playing on when wet also. The court floods very easily and has cause multiple injuries over the years. We would also benefit from having an extra court to train on and warm up on during game days. At the moment we have the old tennis courts that aren't being used and is covered in moss and mould, making it unsafe to train on. It's very slippery and uneven and would cause injury very easily to anyone using it. We really need this done as soon as possible to prevent any serious injury on anyone who is playing on these courts. Netball Victoria are very strict on playing surfaces and if they were to come and inspect our courts we would be shut down and unable to play netball until it has been fixed. Please consider this request as it determines the future of the TTUFNC netballers

Agenda Item: 6.2

Agenda Item: Rating Agreement - Opal Australian Paper: Hearing of Submissions

Sponsor: General Manager, Organisational Performance

Council Plan Objective: Support job creation and industry diversification to enable economic growth in Latrobe City.

Status: For Information

MOTION

Moved: Cr Law

Seconded: Cr Middlemiss

That Council receives, notes and considers all submissions received in relation to the proposed granting of a reduction for the period 2020-2030 against the full amount of rates otherwise payable by Paper Australia Pty Ltd on the land known as the Australian Paper Mill.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Executive Summary:

- By resolution on 7 December 2020, Council provided in principle support for the granting of a reduction against the full amount of rates otherwise payable by Paper Australia Pty Ltd on the land known as the Australian Paper Mill for the period 2020-2030 (“the rebate”);
- In accordance with s223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, notice was given of the proposed rebate and submissions invited from the public;
- A total of 3 submissions have been received; and
- It is recommended that Council notes and considers these submissions prior to further consideration of the proposed rebate at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 7 June 2021.

Background:

Opal is a well-known major manufacturer and employer within the municipality, employing more than 860 local residents at the Paper Mill site. Opal has plans for a waste to energy plant that has been promoted as adding 1,000 local full-time equivalent jobs over 3 years and over 900 ongoing fulltime equivalent jobs.

Opal has had long standing arrangements with Council for a reduction in rates. The most recent agreement was in place for 10 years and expired in June 2020.

On 7 December 2020, Council resolved to provide in principle support for the rebate. Under s223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("the Act"), notice must be given of any such proposed rebate with an opportunity for the public to make submission.

Public notice of the proposed rebate was given on 15 April 2021. A total of 3 submissions have been received. A copy of each submission is attached to this report and a summary is provided below.

Submitter	Summary	Speaking at this Meeting
Name withheld by request	The proposed rebate needs to be carefully considered by Council in light of the impact on Council's budget	No
Irene Proebsting	The rebate should be refused as Paper Australia Pty Ltd has capacity to pay the full amount and a similar rebate is not available to other businesses.	Uncertain
Sylvia Leibrecht	The rebate should be refused as Paper Australia Pty Ltd has capacity to pay the full amount and a similar rebate is not available to other businesses.	No

Issues:

Legal and Compliance

This report complies with the requirements of s223 of the Act by providing an opportunity for those who have made a submission to be heard in support of their submission.

Community Implications

Council is required to consider all submissions received in relation to the proposed rebate.



Declaration of Interests:

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Supporting Documents:

Nil

Attachments

1   Submissions

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Rating Agreement - Opal Australian Paper: Hearing of Submissions

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01a Submission – Australian Paper Rate Concession

Submitted on Mon, 2021-05-10 11:58

Submitted values are:

Confidentiality

Please withhold my name from public documents such as Council reports

Would you like to speak to your submission at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday 24 May 2021:

No

Your Submission**My submission is**

Submission to the Special Council Meeting on 24 May 2021

Following the public notice of the proposed rate concession of approximately 30% to Paper Australia Pty Ltd . I asked for information from the Council:

" I would like to know which other companies, organizations etc in our LGA are eligible for and receiving a discount under LGA section 169."

Mr Matthew Rogers, Manager Financial Services kindly responded:

"There are currently no other organisations that have in place, or are seeking to put in place, a rating agreement with an associated concession under section 169 of the LGA 1989."

Does this mean that should Paper Australia Pty Ltd be granted such a concession, it will create a precedence for further requests by other organisations?

In the past have other organisations applied unsuccessfully to gain a similar concession to enable them to reduce their expenditure?

To be eligible, section 169 provides that rebates and concessions may only be applied "to assist the proper development of the municipal district."

An insertion in section 169 in 2003 states that

" A Council resolution granting a rebate or concession must specify the benefit to the community as a whole resulting from the rebate or concession."

What benefit specifically is Paper Australia Pty Ltd providing to the community that warrants such a large percentage rates concession?

Mr Morgan also provided me with details of the Latrobe City Economic Development Assistance Policy that provides guidance to Council for the provision of economic assistance.

This policy will presumably be used to define (and explain) the basis of the claim that " the activities Paper Australia Pty Ltd on the land known as the Australian Paper Mill assist in the proper development of the municipal district and enhance economic activity."

In comparison to other full rate paying organisations and individual rate payers, such a definition would need to provide a very strong case to warrant the proposed concession to Paper Australia.

My understanding is that recent and mooted future closures of industries will mean that the Council rate revenue will be severely impacted and will adversely affect the council's budget.

Future planning therefore needs to carefully consider the implications of granting a rate concession to Paper Australia Pty Ltd.

I would like these points to be considered by councillors and the Economic Investment and Transition department of the Council.

I do not wish to speak to the Special Council Meeting on 24 May 2021. Thank you

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02a Submission - Irene Proebsting - Australian Paper Rate Concession

11 May 2021

Latrobe City Council
141 Commercial Rd,
Morwell VIC 3840

Dear Latrobe City Council,

I object to the proposal to reduce the rates of Australia Paper Pty Ltd.

Why should multinational company Nippon Paper with AU \$16 Billion in Assets get a rate concession when for everyone else in Latrobe City rates will rise by 1.5% and Cr Brad Law says that a few people "should be pre-warned ... they will get a surprise" at the amount of the increase.

This does not acknowledge the contribution of all the small businesses who could do with a rate reduction. Latrobe City has 32,389 jobs according to the data on LCC website, Approx. 1300 of which are at the Maryvale Mill. Who employs the other 31,089? A lot will be small business.

It's not enough that Nippon Paper are using logs from threatened species habitat exempt from National Environmental Laws, they are getting Local Government concessions as well. Nippon Paper is well placed to pay full rates that are due for upholding living standards for people of Latrobe City.

Sincerely yours,

Irene Proebsting

References:

https://www.nipponpapergroup.com/english/ir/Integrated_Report_E2020.pdf

<https://issuu.com/lvexpress.com/docs/expressthursday15april2021>

<https://app.remplan.com.au/latrobe/economy/industries/employment?state=jlK5CA!G8z4fK1kAu7MZbVFJQ2NzCqFJHgkTrb0bysnz8z5HqHRyFRHKIGGDWIrB0>

03a Submission - Sylvia Leibrecht - Australian Paper Rate Concession

Submitted on Wed, 2021-05-12 15:16

Submitted values are:

Your Details

Personal Details

Sylvia Leibrecht

Would you like to speak to your submission at the Special Council Meeting to be held on Monday 24 May 2021:

No

Your Submission

My submission is

see attached letter below

Paper Australia P/L should NOT be given discount rate of approx. 30% of the General Rate from 2020-30.

1. The Council should explain how this shortfall in rates will be made up, it is not fair to expect locals to pay for this discount.
2. They are Japanese owned by the Nippon Paper Group, being one of the largest multinational paper producers in the world so they make huge profits.
3. Paper Australia P/L should be good corporate citizens practicing corporate social responsibility by requesting discount rates be given to locals instead, particularly since they make large profits.
4. Rate cuts would be better given to locals instead, particularly Pensioners and low-income earners.
5. There should be transparency, ie. the local population should be informed about the rates paid and the amount of the discount.
6. The Water Factory was built to mostly handle liquid waste from the mill and is being paid for by the Gippsland Population too. Council has already shown enough largesse to Paper Aust. P/L.
7. Other business groups enhance economic activity too.
8. A 10 year discount is too long a period.
9. They are supported by the Melbourne/Victorian Govt.
10. They have about 1,200 employees, still a small proportion of the population.
11. Locals live with pollution/smell and health effects of the paper/pulp mill from accidents etc. so should be favored instead.
12. We are in a pandemic.
13. They make huge profits and can afford to pay fair rates.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 6.24 PM.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: _____

Date: _____